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1. Problems with the proposed settlement:

-not-for-profit organizations have no rights at all under the proposed settlement.

-Section III(J)(2) contains some very strong language against not-for-profits. Specifically, the language says that it need not describe nor license API, Documentation, or Communications Protocols affecting authentication and authorization to companies that don't meet Microsoft's criteria as a business: "... (c) meets reasonable, objective standards established by Microsoft for certifying the authenticity and viability of its business, ..."

-Under this deal, the government is shut out, too. NASA, the national laboratories, the military, the National Institute of Standards and Technology -- even the Department of Justice itself -- have no rights.

2. I support Steve Satchell for the three-member committee stationed at Microsoft to make sure the deal is enforced.

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